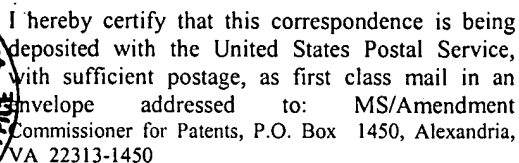


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For: FITTING STRUCTURE FOR KNOBS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of September 21, 2004. The Claims begin on page 2 and the Remarks begin on page 6.



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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Amendment and Response to Office Action (8p); and
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Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ Small Entity.
☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(____).
☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony P. Curtis, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 46,193)

December 21, 2004

Date